

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the final Office Action transmitted August 8, 2007 (the "*Office Action*"). At the time of the *Office Action*, Claims 1-9 were pending, of which, Claims 1-3 and 5-9 were rejected. The Examiner objected to Claim 4, indicating that Claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form. Applicants have amended Claims 1, 4, 8, and 9 and have added new Claims 10-23. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Section 102 Rejections

The Office Action rejects Claims 1-3 and 5-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,885,641 to Chan et al. ("*Chan*"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for the reasons stated below.

Claim 1 is directed to a method for monitoring middleware performance wherein a predetermined network route is created using one or more remote queue definitions. Similar to Claim 1, Claims 8 and 9 include limitations generally directed to using one or more remote queue definitions to create a predetermined network route. Applicants respectfully contend that *Chan* does not disclose these limitations and further contend that for at least these reasons Claims 1, 4, 8, and 9 and each of their respective dependent claims, including new Claims 10-23 and the newly added limitations included therein, are in condition for allowance.

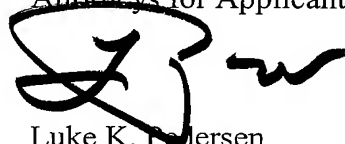
CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other apparent reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending Claims. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicants stand ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the **\$810.00 RCE fee, \$350.00** for the addition of two dependent claims and one independent claim, and to the extent necessary, any additional required fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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